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Praises Work of CIA

Sen. Young Tells Of Cloak, Dagger Mission Abroad

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"If the whole story of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) could be told, Americans would be proud of the job being done overseas by highly capable people with long service in the CIA and other intelligence agencies," Sen. Milton R. Young, R-N.D., said Wednesday.



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But the story never will be told in full, because the CIA's business is espionage and even the smallest detail must of necessity be cloaked in highest secrecy.

Sen. Young took an authorized look behind this veil of in-

ternational intrigue during a five-week tour around the world that took him to 16 countries. He returned to Washington Friday and to North Dakota Wednesday to await the start of Congress early in January.

In 14 of the 16 countries he held clandestine meetings with American agents who had been instructed by John A. McCone, chief of the CIA, to brief him on their activities.

When he returns to Washington, Sen. Young will make an oral report to a special Senate committee.

And there, the story of his cloak and dagger mission will end. It will not appear in any congressional report and the decisions reached by the committee as a result of Young's report will be buried deep and anonymously in appropriations for various agencies.

There are only six senators, including Young, and a like number of representatives, on the special committees charged with keeping an eye on espionage and other CIA activities.

The CIA work is so secret its budgets are hidden by Congress in appropriations for other agencies and few congressmen know how much it receives and what it does with the money.

The Senate committee includes Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., chairman; Carl Hayden, D-Ariz.; Harry F. Byrd, D-Va.; John Stennis, D-Miss.; Leverett Saltonstall, R-Mass., and Young.

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He was furnished top-level advisers including Bill Woodruff, and Buddhists. The pro-Communist of the military appropriations committee; Kenneth Bosquet and Paul Eaton, representatives respectively of the public work agency of the Corps of Engineers and the Interior

Armed Services and Appropriations committees; Maj. Gen. Robert Moore, effective liaison officer for the Pentagon

Department of the Bureau of Reclamation.

In each of the countries

Young was also briefed by members of the diplomatic corps and by military leaders.

The official tour took him to Spain, Italy, Turkey, Egypt, Cyprus, Israel, Jordan, India, Thailand, South Viet Nam, Hong Kong, Formosa, Okinawa, Japan and Hawaii. Sen. Young also took a side trip by train to Budapest, Hungary.

His visits with CIA agents were very "hush-hush," Young said.

"I never knew whom I would meet or where. We never met in hotel rooms where I stayed because the CIA felt they probably were bugged."

From these rendezvous, the North Dakotan gained a new respect for the men who ferret out the secrets of other nations.

"We have about half the number of people in CIA that the Soviet opposite number, KGB, has, yet we are doing a superior job."

One such meeting was in Saigon. Young said U. S. diplomatic and military leaders in Viet Nam discouraged visits by members of Congress but because of the nature of his mission, he was given full cooperation.

Young called the war in South Viet Nam "one we are not winning, but one that isn't lost either by any means."

The major problem, he feels, is the lack of Vietnamese leadership.

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In India, he met Gen. John Kelly of Bismarck; his military pilot from Taipei to Okinawa. The other is the Communist

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town.

In Saigon he heard words of praise about Bill Deluy of Grafton, who is a top aide to Gen. Maxwell Taylor, and accompanied the general on his recent reporting session with President Johnson.

And, in Tokyo, he met a fellow Washingtonian, Gen. Harold K. Johnson, chief of staff, formerly of Grafton.

One of the major tasks now being handled by the CIA is to follow the development of missiles by Red China to carry nuclear warheads.

The assignment: To determine the type, capability and when they will be ready.

"It's a mission that only the CIA can do. I wish it were possible to tell you it is being done."

On the domestic scene; Sen. Young agrees with Defense Secretary Robert McNamara in his decision to close some military bases, but he thinks the secretary may have gone too far with his proposal to abolish the Army Reserve program.

"I had hoped that he would wait until after the plan had been given congressional hearings."

As to base closings: "I think many of these should have been closed. We have too many that no longer serve a purpose justified by appropriations and overall readiness."